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(f) *Contracting Officer* means the Associate Administrator for Maritime Aids.

(g) *Fiscal year* means any annual period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30.

(h) *Foreign-flag competition* means those foreign-flag vessels deemed by the Board to be competitive with the subsidized vessel.

(i) *Gross revenue* means the operator's total gross receipts from cargoes or fixtures of a vessel or both.

(j) *Operating-differential subsidy agreement (ODSA)* means the agreement entered into by the operator and the United States government for the payment of operating-differential subsidy.

(k) *Operating-differential subsidy (ODS)* means, except as the operator and the United States government should agree upon a lesser amount, the excess of the cost of subsidizable items of expense incurred in the operation under United States registry of a vessel over the estimated fair and reasonable cost of the same items of expense (excluding any increase in the cost of such items necessitated by features incorporated for national defense), if such vessel were operated under the registry of a foreign country whose vessels are substantial competitors of the vessel, or such sums as the Board may determine to be necessary to make the cost of operating such vessel competitive with the cost of operating similar vessels under the registry of a foreign country.

(l) *Operator* means any individual, partnership, corporation or association that contracts with the United States government under Title VI of the Act to receive ODS.

(m) *Reduced crew period* means any period in port beginning on the day that a vessel's normal crew complement is reduced by 4 or more men and division of wages is not paid for the missing men and ending on the day prior to the day that the vessel's crew complement is restored to not more than 3 men less than the normal crew complement, or division of wages is paid for the missing men, or the vessel is temporarily or permanently withdrawn from subsidized service, whichever occurs first.

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(n) *Region Director* means the Region Director of the Maritime Administration within whose region the principal office of the operator is located.

(o) *Subsidized service* means the operation of a vessel other than in the coastal or intercoastal trade in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ODSA.

(p) *Subsidy rate* means the method adopted by the Board for determining the amount of ODS that is to be paid for an item of subsidizable expense.

(q) *Subsidized vessel* means a vessel covered by an ODSA.

(r) *U.S. foreign commerce* means the commerce or trade between the United States, its territories or possessions, or the District of Columbia and a foreign country.

(s) *Vessel* means subsidized vessel unless otherwise specified.

(t) *Voyage day* means any day or part of a day during which a subsidized vessel is operated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ODSA.

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§ 252.4 Waivers.

In special circumstances and for good cause shown, the procedures prescribed in this part may be waived, in writing, by mutual agreement of the parties, in keeping with the circumstances then present, provided that the procedures adopted are consistent with the Act and with the intent of these regulations.

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Subpart B—Eligibility and Agreement

§ 252.10 Eligibility.

Any citizen of the United States may apply to the Board for the payment of ODS for the operation of a bulk cargo vessel in an essential service in the U.S. foreign commerce.

§ 252.11 Application forms.

Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.